

Mexico meeting heralds next decade

A record number of participants—340 in total—gathered in Mexico City to mark the Coalition’s 10th birthday and to re-commit themselves to getting affordable, quality reproductive health supplies into the hands of those who need them most. At the meeting, members witnessed first-hand the passion that inspired our movement. They heard from all of the Coalition’s Chairs, past and present; and they viewed a moving, retrospective video of our first decade. Mexico marked the official launch of the Coalition’s new 10-year Strategy; its revised Terms of Reference; and a new global campaign to combat stockouts: Take Stock. And finally, it saw members call out for a coordinated and informed response to plans underway for the launch of a new Global Financing Facility for reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health. Meeting presentations, photographs and video footage are all available [online](#). A brief [video](#) overview of the event imparts the flavor of the proceedings.

Norway to host Coalition’s 2015 General Membership Meeting

In her closing remarks at last month’s Mexico meeting, Coalition Chair Marleen Temmerman announced that [Norad](#), Norway’s agency for development cooperation, would co-host the Coalition’s next annual gathering in Oslo, Norway. Norad is the Coalition’s most recent core donor and has played critical roles, both as financial backer of the recent implant volume guarantee and as a source of inspiration for the proposed global financing facility. They are also, she noted “absolutely committed to reproductive health commodity security.” The Coalition’s Executive Committee and assembled members received the announcement with great enthusiasm. Meeting dates will be announced in early 2015.

WHO prequalifies additional RH technology

WHO has prequalified for the first time, the MPA active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) used in the three-monthly injectable DMPA. For the past three years, the API’s manufacturer, Farmabios SPA Italy, has received technical support from the Coalition’s QuRHM Programme, managed by Concept Foundation. This achievement represents a significant step forward in increasing choice and access to quality assured RH medicines. For an updated list of all WHO prequalified reproductive health supplies, click [here](#).

Vicky Camacho steps down as ForoLAC Chair

At the Mexico Meeting, Dr. Vicky Camacho announced her decision to step down as Chair of the ForoLAC and work with its members to identify a new Chair able to take the helm of this growing institution over the next three years. During her tenure, Dr. Camacho brought strategic leadership and knowledge on board. Coalition Director John Skibiak, who has known Vicky for the best part of 25 years, said he was deeply grateful to her for “getting things done in her inimitable results-driven style. Vicky leaves big shoes to fill and I wish her the very best in her future endeavours”.

Meanwhile, the Coalition welcomes Vicky’s colleague, Federico Tobar from the UNFPA LAC Regional Office, who will Chair the forum until elections in 2015. Members’ priorities will inform the ongoing revision of ForoLAC’s Terms of Reference and Strategic Plan.

Bioforce taps Innovation Fund to strengthen human resources in Burkina Faso

France’s Bioforce Institute is the recipient of the Innovation Fund’s latest grant, which will enable its Burkina Faso office to train and support 25 health agents, mainly public pharmacy technicians, to act as health logisticians in three pilot regions and at central level. The lessons learned from this exercise will shape efforts to scale-up the training of dedicated staff in supply chain management. This project will contribute to SECONAF’s strategic objectives by addressing a critical mass of identified logistics issues in the country. For more information contact SECONAF Regional Facilitator, [Badara Seve](#).

New maternal health supplies briefs launched in Mexico

The Maternal Health Supplies Caucus has launched seven new [policy briefs](#) that single out key challenges and strategies for increasing the availability of three maternal health medicines: oxytocin, misoprostol, and magnesium sulfate. Developed by Family Care International with financial support from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur

Foundation, the briefs were launched at the Coalition's recent Mexico meeting.

The briefs, which are available in French, Spanish and English, provide national policy makers and program managers with a summary statement that explains why maternal health medicines are important, identifies key gaps to access, and sets priorities for action. They include briefs on the three essential maternal health medicines: oxytocin, misoprostol, and magnesium sulfate. And they include three additional briefs on cross-cutting issues: policy and financing; supply; and demand generation. For more information, contact Milka Dinev, mdinev@rhsupplies.org.

Members speak their mind on new website

More than 120 participants gave feedback on what they would like to see, and not see, on a new Coalition website, currently under development and slated for release in early 2015. The redesign process is being managed by award-winning UK-based consultant Liquid Light. For more information, contact [Hannah Pandian](#).

Coalition membership reaches 316 with 8 new members

- [Kamineni Life Sciences Private Limited](#) uses research and development to improve family planning, maternal and child health, and HIV/AIDS prevention in India, with a focus on multiple prevention technologies.
- [Red Nacional de Promocion de la Mujer](#) is a national voluntary organization in Peru playing a key role in many national task forces and partnerships on sexual and reproductive rights. It works through advocacy, training and communication.
- [Catolicas por el Derecho a Decidir](#) uses feminist theology to promote women's sexual and reproductive rights in Peru.
- [Centro de Implementación de Políticas Públicas para la Equidad y el Crecimiento \(CIPPEC\)](#) is an Argentinian nonprofit that translates into action key ideas in social and economic development.
- Implementos Plastico S.A (IPSA) manufactures medical supplies in Mexico.
- [The African Network for Drugs and Diagnostics Innovation](#) (ANDI) supports African-led health innovation to address public health needs in Ethiopia.
- [VillageReach](#) is a US-based health innovator that develops, tests, implements and scales-up new solutions to critical health systems challenges in low-resource environments. It works to overcome human resource constraints, limited information, and lack of infrastructure.
- [CEDES](#) is an Argentinian non-profit that mentors global health researchers and offers a diploma in Sexual and Reproductive Rights and Health.

25-26 November [11th PPD Inter-ministerial conference on Population and Development](#), New Delhi, India
5 December [ICRH Meeting on “Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights”](#), Ghent, Belgium
18-19 December [3rd Annual Meeting of the Ouagadougou Partnership](#), Paris, France

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